

**MACKENZIE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

**Fort Vermilion Council Chambers  
Fort Vermilion, AB**

**PRESENT:**

Josh Knelsen	Reeve
Walter Sarapuk	Deputy Reeve –arrived 10:01a.m.
Ernest Peters	Councillor
Jacque Bateman	Councillor – virtual – left at 2:00 p.m.
Peter F. Braun	Councillor
Cameron Cardinal	Councillor
David Driedger	Councillor
Eric Jorgensen	Councillor – arrived 10:01 a.m.
Lisa Wardley	Councillor
Anthony Peters	Councillor

**REGRETS:**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Len Racher	Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Peters	Director of Projects and Infrastructure
Jennifer Batt	Director of Finance
Jeff Simpson	Director of Operations
Don Roberts	Director of Community Services
Caitlin Smith	Manager of Planning and Development
Grant Smith	Agricultural Fieldman
Colleen Sarapuk	Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
Willie Schmidt	Fleet Maintenance Manager – virtual

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the Public

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Mackenzie County held on June 23, 2021 in the Council Chambers at the Fort Vermilion County Office.

**CALL TO ORDER: 1. a) Call to Order**

Reeve Knelsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA: 2. a) Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION 21-06-511 MOVED** by Councillor Cardinal

That the agenda be adopted with the additions:  
4.b) Provincial Leases

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- 8.b) Restructuring
- 10.c) Wadlin Lake Firewood
- 15.a) Sawmill Letter of Support

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
 PREVIOUS  
 MINUTES:**

**3. a) Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

**MOTION 21-06-512**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
 PREVIOUS  
 MINUTES:**

**3. b) Business Arising out of the Minutes**

**CLOSED MEETING:**

**4. a) Closed Meeting**

**MOTION 21-06-513**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That Council move into a closed meeting at 10:04 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 4.a) Legal (s. 21, 24, 25)
- 4.b) Provincial Leases (s. 21, 24, 25)

**CARRIED**

The following individuals were present during the closed meeting discussion. *(MGA Section 602.08(1)(6))*

- All Members of Council
- Len Racher, Chief Administrative Officer
- Byron Peters, Director of Projects & Infrastructure
- Jennifer Batt, Director of Finance
- Jeff Simpson, Director of Operations
- Don Roberts, Director of Community Services
- Caitlin Smith, Manager of Planning & Development
- Colleen Sarapuk, Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
- Grant Smith, Agricultural Fieldman

**MOTION 21-06-514      MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That Council move out of a closed meeting at 10:59 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:08 am

**TENDERS**

**5.a) Request for Proposals – Road Recovery Projects**

**MOTION 21-06-515      MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the ‘Road Recovery Projects’ Tenders - Envelope #1 be opened.

**CARRIED**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Required Documents</b>
*1173596 D Fehr Trucking	All required documents
Boss Bridgeworks Inc	All required documents
Northern Road Builders	All required documents
Dechant Construction	All required documents

**\*bidder withdrew prior to awarding**

**MOTION 21-06-516      MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the ‘Road Recovery Projects’ Tenders - Envelope #2 be opened for the qualified bidders.

**CARRIED**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Schedule A</b>	<b>Schedule B</b>
Boss Bridgeworks Inc	\$680,000.00	\$147,500.00
1173596 D Fehr Trucking	\$189,234.00	No Bid
Northern Road Builders	\$597,457.50	\$255,975.00
Dechant Construction	\$338,394.87	\$244,679.13

**MOTION 21-06-517      MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Administration review the tenders and return for awarding later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**CLOSED MEETING: 4. a) Legal (s. 21, 24, 25)**

**MOTION 21-06-518 MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Legal discussion be received for information

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING: 4. a) Provincial Leases (s. 21, 24, 25) (addition)**

**MOTION 21-06-519 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

Requires unanimous

That Administration send a letter to the Minister of Environment and Parks, administration and MLA regarding immediate attention to recreation leases.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 21-06-520 MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the 'Road Recovery Projects' contracts be awarded to the lowest qualified bidders while staying within budget.

**CARRIED**

<b>Schedule A</b>							
	Price	Weight	Experience	Weight	Local	Weight	Total
Boss Bridgeworks	8	85	9	10	10	5	820
<b>Dechant Construction</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1000</b>
Northern Road Builders	9	85	10	10	10	5	915
<b>Schedule B</b>							
Boss Bridgeworks	<b>10</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>990</b>
Dechant Construction	9	85	10	10	10	5	915
Northern Road Builders	8	85	10	10	10	5	830

**GENERAL  
REPORTS:**

**8. a) Disaster Recovery (Standing Item)**

**MOTION 21-06-521 MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

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That the Disaster Recovery Update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6. a) None**

**DELEGATIONS: 7. a) Mike Alsterlund – 11:30 a.m.**

**MOTION 21-06-522 MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the Mike Alsterlund delegation be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS: 7. b) RCMP – 11:45 a.m.**

**MOTION 21-06-523 MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the RCMP crime statistics reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**8. b) Mackenzie Regional Restructuring (addition)**

**MOTION 21-06-524 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen  
Requires unanimous

That the Mackenzie Regional Restructuring discussion be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE SERVICES:**

**9. a) None**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**10. a) FRIAA Grant Funding**

**MOTION 21-06-525 MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That the 2021 One Time Project Budget be amended to include \$34,000, for the FireSmart Home Assessments project with funding

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coming from Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) grant.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**10. b) Ferry Campground Society – New Campground Proposal**

**MOTION 21-06-526**

**MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That administration work with the Ferry Campground to formulate a plan and obtain the lease for the creation of a new campground.

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**10. c) Wadlin Lake Firewood (addition)**

**MOTION 21-06-527**  
Requires unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the budget be amended by \$7,500 to hire a non profit group to split and stack the fire wood at Wadlin Lake with funding coming from the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

**11. a) Bylaw 1217-21 – Local Improvement Tax, 101 Ave Asphalt**

**MOTION 21-06-528**

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1217-21, being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax to the benefiting properties for construction of an Asphalt Overlay on 101st Avenue, 99th Street to 98th Street for; Plan 052 4622, Block 23, Lot 8, pt. NW-10-106-15-W5M, Plan 082 7720, Block 18, Lot 6 and Plan 962 1721, Block 18, Lots 6 and 7 in the Hamlet of La Crete.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 21-06-529**  
Requires Unanimous

**MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That consideration be given to proceed to the third reading of Bylaw 1217-21

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION 21-06-530      MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1217-21, being a bylaw authorizing imposition of a local improvement tax to the benefiting properties for construction of an Asphalt Overlay on 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 99<sup>th</sup> Street to 98<sup>th</sup> Street for; Plan 052 4622, Block 23, Lot 8, pt. NW-10-106-15-W5M, Plan 082 7720, Block 18, Lot 6 and Plan 962 1721, Block 18, Lots 6 and 7 in the Hamlet of La Crete.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **11. b) Taxes Tax Roll # 214765 & 214766 – Request to reduce taxes**

**MOTION 21-06-531      MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the request to reduce taxes on tax roll #214765 & 214766 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **11. c) Taxes Tax Roll # 106062 – Request to Write Off Penalties**

**MOTION 21-06-532      MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the request to write off penalties on tax roll #106062 be denied and the property be moved into tax auction.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **11. d) Taxes Tax Roll #075382 & 075386 – Write Off**

**MOTION 21-06-533      MOVED** by Councillor Wardley  
Requires 2/3

That the request to write off 2021 levies in the amount of \$150 for tax roll #075382 & 075386 be denied.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**                      **11. e) 2021 Minimum Grazing Lease, Farmland**

**MOTION 21-06-534      MOVED** by Councillor Driedger  
Requires 2/3

That Grazing Lease and Farmland Development Leases tax rolls as

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per Schedule "A" be reduced to a \$50 minimum tax for 2021, and that \$16,178.46 in taxes be written off.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE: 11. f) Financial Reports**

**MOTION 21-06-535 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the financial reports for January to May 31, 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE: 11. g) Expense Claims – Councillors**

**MOTION 21-06-536 MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That the Councillor expense claims for May 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE: 11. h) Expense Claims – Members at Large**

**MOTION 21-06-537 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the Member at Large Expense Claims for May 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS: 12. a) None**

**UTILITIES: 13. a) La Crete North Sanitary Trunk Sewer-Engineering Services-Request for Proposals**

**MOTION 21-06-538 MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the deadline for proposals be set for July 9, 2021 and Administration be authorized to open and score each proposal for presentation at the July 14, 2021 Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. a) Bylaw 1225-21 Off-Site Levy Bylaw – La Crete North  
Sanitary Trunk Sewer**

**MOTION 21-06-539**

**MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That second reading be given to Bylaw 1225-21 Off-Site Levy Bylaw – La Crete North Sanitary Trunk Sewer.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 21-06-540**

**MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That third reading be given to Bylaw 1225-21 Off-Site Levy Bylaw – La Crete North Sanitary Trunk Sewer.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. b) Bylaw 1230-21 Land Use Bylaw Amendment to  
Rezone Part of Plan 182 1653, Block 2, Lot 4 from Rural  
Industrial General “RIG” to Rural Country Residential 4  
“RCR4”**

**MOTION 21-06-541**

**MOVED** by Councillor Wardley

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1230-21 being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Rezone Part of Plan 182 1653, Block 2, Lot 4 from Rural Industrial General “RIG” to Rural Country Residential 4 “RCR4”, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. c) La Crete Offsite Levy Bylaw**

**MOTION 21-06-542**

**MOVED** by Councillor Driedger

That first reading be given to Bylaw 1231-21 being the La Crete Offsite Levy Bylaw, subject to public hearing input.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Knelsen recessed the meeting at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. d) 100 Street Land Acquisition (La Crete)**

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**MOTION 21-06-543**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That Mackenzie County acquire 3m of land on the east side for the future road widening of 100 Street.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

**14. e) Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and Fort Vermilion Area Redevelopment Plan Update**

**MOTION 21-06-544**      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the Municipal Development Plan, land use Bylaw, and Fort Vermilion Area Redevelopment Plan update be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:**      **15. a) Sawmill Letter of Support (addition)**

**MOTION-21-06-545**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley  
Requires unanimous

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in support of the renewal of the local mills FMA 0200040.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION-21-06-546**      **MOVED** by Councillor Wardley  
Requires unanimous

That the Minister of Agricultural and Forestry be invited to a Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**16. a) Council Committee Reports (verbal)**

**MOTION 21-06-547**      **MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the Council Committee Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**16. b) Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 21-06-548**      **MOVED** by Councillor E. Peters

That the unapproved Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes of June 15, 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**16. c) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 21-06-549**      **MOVED** by Councillor Braun

That the unapproved Community Services Committee meeting minutes of June 10, 2021 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION /  
CORRESPONDENC:**

**17. a) Information/Correspondence**

**MOTION 21-06-550**      **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Sarapuk

That the information/correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF  
MOTION:**

**18. a)**

**NEXT MEETING  
DATE:**

**19. a) Next Meeting Dates**

Committee of the Whole  
July 13, 2021  
10:00 a.m.  
Fort Vermilion Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting  
July 14, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT: 20. a) Adjournment**

**MOTION 21-06-551 MOVED** by Councillor Jorgensen

That the council meeting be adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were approved at the July 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

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Joshua Knelsen  
Reeve

(original signed)

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Lenard Racher  
Chief Administrative Officer

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